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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 24, 2002 (for which petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time), please amend the subject patent application as follows. The changes made to the claims by the current amendment are shown in the attachment hereto, the first page of which is captioned "Version marked to show changes made."

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 1-29 and 33-37 with the following rewritten claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for remotely measuring characteristics of a communications line comprising: